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A LADIES' GIFT .- Ladies who wish to A LADIES GIFT.—LROIDS WHO WISH 10 make an elegant and appropriate present to the gentlemen of their acquaintance, should examine Gantriell's Embroidered Toilet Slippers—very beautiful and comfortable accompaniments to the Moning Gawn. They are quite stylish, and will, no doubt, prove very acceptable to any fortunate enough to become the recipients of a pair. Ladies, remember they are useful as well as ornamental, and call on CANTRELL, 508 Bowers, where the "Alpine" Galter Roots can likewise be procured. These last articles are designed, in clear, cold weather, as substitutes for talk glubber Overshoes. Warm, easy, and exceedingly healthy, they are peculiarly fitted to invalids. Call and look at them.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR THE YOUNG.

Boys' Sleds of every description
Boys' Skates of every description.
Boys' Tool Chests.
Rocking and Hobby Horses.
Rocking Velocipedes, &c.
Pocket Knives, Dressing Cases, &c.
Together with a lare assortment of FancyArticles, suitable
for presents for young ladies and gentiemen, may be had at
the lowest prices at Berraian's House Furnishing Warerooms, 601 Broadway.

A GREAT REVOLUTION .- Mr. Editor, it A GREAT KEVOLUTION.—Mr. Editor, it is presumed you know most everything, yet you have not todd your numerous lady readers of the ourgains that are found at Sanuel. D. Gorman's New Grockery Store, 120 Canalest, where he is selling plain, rich gilt and ornamented China of all descriptions, plain, pressed and rich cut Glassware in all its variety of shore and styles, Solar Lamps and Ginandoles. In fact, everything at prices so low, which, were they mentioned, you would not believe it until you were, like myself, convinced. I wooder not that his store is crowded from morning till night, for the way he is selling —I might say giving away—goods is perfectly astonishing, and yet he says he makes money. Landes, give him a call, and forget not the place, 120 Canalest oppositeMvest-Broadway.

ONE WHO HAS BOUGHT AND IS CONVINCED.

Best Box Raisins, only 9 cts. per Lev Best Box Kaisins, only 9 cts. per Candies, Raisins by the box, hall box and quarter box, for the holidays. Also, the best Java Coffee, only 18 2d per lb; good Coffee, 10 and 12 cts per lb; Stuart's best Crushed and Powdered Sugars, only 5s; Refined White Sugar, 3s dand 4s 6d per 7 lbs; Brown Sugar, 3s 6d per 7 lbs—Goods sent to all parts of the City and Brooklyn free of Charge. As PARKER, New Temperance Store, 244 Broomest, corner Ludlow.

MOTHING SO TRUE.— Every lady of taste must wear Furs this Winter, as they are all the fashion. Remember this, and then call and examine Knox's stock, at 128 Fulton-st. They are the most fascinatingly elegant articles we have ever looked upon Rich in appearance, very comfortable and economical in price, they must command the admiration of all who look upon them. There is nothing like Knox's Furs. NOTHING SO TRUE .- Every lady of taste

GIFTS FOR THE SEASON .- Daguerreo-GIFTS FOR THE SEASON.—Daggerroo-types on Ivory, combining nature with art, with rare per-fection by Brady's new discovery, offer appropriate gifts for the coming senson. These Dagnerrootypes are colored in McDougall's exquisitely beautiful style. A neat and va-ried assortment of gold lockets, bracelets, plain and orna-mental cases for miniatures, at Brady's National Gallery, 205 Broadway. N. B.—The superior arrangement of light in this establishment enables the proprietor to take pictures in any kind of weather.

W. P. DAVID (successor to AMIDON) solicits the attention of his customers and the public to his Winter Style of Gentlemen's Hats. Those wishing a really beautiful Hat would do well to call at W. P. Davin's, 30 Broadway, near Duane et. N.B.—Gentlemen's and Boys Cloth Caps of every variety.

THREE THOUSAND OVERCOATS .- Blue THREE THOUSAND OVERCOATS.—BIRE Pilot, Drab Beaver, Black and Brown Cloth, richly trimmed and lined, \$2 to \$12; also, a few pair of Black Doeskins, at \$4 a pair; also a few of those \$5 Suits, consisting of a cloth coat, cassimere pants and fancy yest. Corner of Beckman and Nassau and at the corner of Grand and Conters.

Pictorial Brother Jonathan for

To Confectioners, Bakers and Dis-TO CONFECTIONERS, DAKERS AND DISTILLERS—FRESH GOODS—JOIN C. MORRISON, 188 Green-witch-st. New-York, between Vesey and Fulton sis. North River side of the city, near Washington Market, importer and dealer, wholesale and retail, in Dyestuffs, Drags, Grocers articles, Oils, Chemicals, Teas, Paints, materials for Hatters, Calico Printers, Paper Stainers, Bleechers, &c. &c. offers for sale, cheap, Oil of Roses,
Oil of Peppermint.
Oil of Vintergreen,
Oil of Peppermint.
Oil of Chinamon,
Saftron, American,
Softron, Spanish,
Oil of Cinnage,
Rose Water, Coriander do, Carraway do, Amis do, Saffron, American, Saffron, Spanish, Rose Water, Orange, do,

Oil of Armiscod,
Oil of Anniscod,
Oil of Carraway Seed,
Oil of Juniper,
Gum Tragacauth,
Gum Arabic, Turkey,
Gum Gamboge,
Cochineal,
Nutmogs,
Mace,

Peach do Glass Jurs for Confectioners, from I quart to 4 gallons, Alcobol, Arrow Root, Carb, Ammonia, Vanilla Boans, Touquin, Alum, Oil of Vi role Simphor,
Jujube Paste.
Liquorice Ball.
Potash,
Salieratus,
Somish Segars, best brand,
Powd. Macc,
Powd. Natmegs,
Powd. Goves,
Pawd. Allspice, Ginger, Cassia Buds, Allspice, Isinglass. Cream Tarter Sup. Carb. Sods, Tartarle Acid, Sweet Oil Lucca, in boxes, 30 bettles each, imported

FINE ARTS .- A new and beautiful arti-FINE ARTS.—A new and beautiful article of Colortypes and Likenesses on ivory, glass and paper,
by Gurkey's new process, together with an extensive collection of Daguerreotypes of distinguished persons, of
larger sizes than are usually tasken, and which are universally pronounced superior to any heretofore produced in
this country, can be seen at Gerger's Gallery, 189 Broadway—the oldest establishment of the kind in the City Mr.
G. attends personally to his sinters, and from his great experience in the is at all times conabled to give perfect
castisfaction to all who wish a good picture. N. B.—Having
say—grior arrangement of light pictures can be taken in
they kind of weather.

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YOUTH'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING. AT WHOLESALE.—JOSEPH 8. CLOSE & SM 79 and 81 William-street, would inform the trade erally that they have now on hand a large and ham assortment of the latest and most ashionable styles above Clothing, at very reduced prices.

REMOVAL .- PETERSON & HUMPHREY have removed from 432 Pearlest, to their new Carpet store 379 Broadway, corner of White-st. The balance of the stock of Carpets and Oil Cloths removed from Pearl-at, will be exhibited in the basement of their new store, and cold at 15 per cent, less than cos; until disposed of, 412 124\*

FALL STYLE HATS, CAPS AND FURS .-Fall style Hats, Caps and Pures, combining every desirable regulatic, and will compare to advantage with any sold in the City, at the One Price Store, 12 Canal-st. A superior assortment of Velvet and Cloth Caps, children's Fall and Winter Hats in their variety.

J. W. KELLOGG.

GENTLEMEN'S FALL AND WINTER
WEAL.—WM. T. JENNINGS & Co. 231 Broadway, opposite
the Park Fountain, will this day introduce their new Styles
of Overcosts, and other Fall and Winter Garmonts, comprising an assortment in style and character far superior to
the productions they have heretofore rendered so acceptable to their numerous pairons.

WINTER ANNOUNCEMENT—SEASON OF FURS!—GENIA, 214 Broadway, solicits the attention of the ladice to his magnificent assertment of superb Furs, made up in the newest and most fashionable styles, and consisting of full sets of Hudson Bay Sable, Russian Sable, Royal Ermine, Stone Martin, Chinchilla, Rock Martin, Mink, &c. His stocks of Muffs, Victorines and Cuffs, he is confident, has never been surpassed by any ever submitted to the good taste and judgment of the ladies of New-York.

An immense stock of gentlemen's Fur and Plush Caps, of the most recherch patterns, combining elegance with warmth, has also just been opened, and all who desire to fortify themselves against the blasts of Winter are invited to call and examine them.

Ladies' Fur and Felt Bonnets, together with an elegant variety of lovely Hats for children.

did3: WINTER ANNOUNCEMENT-SEASON OF

Fowlers & Wells, Phrenologists

and Publishers, Clinton Hall, 131 Nassaut-st near the Park WINTER CLOTHENG AT REDUCED PRICES.

-The best stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing to be found in this city, selling off without regard to cost, to reduce our stock of Winter Clothing. BOUGHTON & KNAPP, d14 Steed\* SS Maiden-lane. KITTLE'S PLANING AND MATCHING MA-

CHINE.—For rights to this machine, which is not surpassed by any other now in use, apply at the office, 71 Twenty-second-st where machines may be seen in operation, and where, also, the patentes may be consuited.

Sawing of all kinds, planing and matching promptly attended to.

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Dr. PHINNEY'S VEGETABLE FAM-

st.v Pitt.s do not gripe, sicken or leave the bowels costive, but in a free and namral state. For sale, wholesale and re-tall, by A. B. & D. SANDS, 100 Fulton-st. New York-Price 25 cents. THE LATEST FASHIONS .- ANDREWS & LANPHIER, Tailors, 203 Broadway, make up the Finest Goods at the Lowest Prices for cash. 14 sodMW&Sif

WINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS .- ALBRO & BROTHERS, 156 Bowery, fourth door above Broome st and 256 Grand-et, second block east of the Bowery, thave a very large and general assortment of Wines, Brandles, &c on draught and in bottles, and would invite the particular attention of purchasers to the following articles, which are of superior quality: Imperial Pale Port Wine, Sweet Port, Maderia, Maimsey Maderia, Tennerifle, Pale and Gold Sherry, Champagne of various brands, Cordials, Irah and Scotch Mail Whisky, Pale and Dark Hennesy, Otard and Sazirac Brandles

Business men of every pursuit who

G. P. R. JAMES, ESQ. THE NOVELIST. A most truthful and perfect Dagmerrectype Portrait was aken of Mr. James yesterday, by Roor, 263 Broadway, Vilahould availatenselves of so rure a chance to see the cortrait of a gentleman who has afforded them so many

ONE HUNDED DOLLARS REWARD.—The above reward will be paid for the recovery of the property and the detection of the thief who entered Knox s Hat Manufactory, on Thursday night, nod side about a thousand dollars worth of Slik Plush; or fifty dollars will be paid for either the detection of the thief or for any information that will lead to the recovery of the Plush. Hat manufacturers are cautioned against purchasing this property.

KNOX, 128 Fulton-st.

BLISS'S COMPOUND COD LIVER OIL DLISS'S COMPOUND COD LIVER OIL
CANDY.—Dr. Bliss has conferred an inestimatio blessing
on his fellow-creatures in the manufacture and introduction
to the public of his unrivalled remedy for these diseases
which are peculiarly incidental to our cold, moist and ungenial clime. Here, if anywhere on the globe, there is a
necessity for some soothing medicine for the cure of Colds,
which afflict, especially at this session of the year, nine out
of every ten persons you meet. This much, we are happy
to say, is provided in Bliss's Compound God Liver Oil
Candy, which has been subjected to numerous counterfeits,
which the purchaser must avoid. Observe the fac-simile of
the signature of the proprietor on every package of the genuine article.

ne stricte.
Price 25 cents a package. For sale at wholesale or retail by A. B. & D. Sands, general Agents, 100 Fulton-at; Thoma & Maxwell, 86 William-at; John Milhau, 183 Broadway.
Astor and Irving House Drug Stores and 110 Broadway.

DR. TAYLOR'S BALSAM OF LIVERWORT-DR. LATEUR'S JABARA.

It's a true Chrono-Thermal and powerful remedy—one that has been well tested by experience and to which the Public has given full confidence, as being the best and most popular Medicine known for curing and relieving complaints of the Chest and Throat, Consumption, Asthma, Pain in the Stale, Back and Breast, Coughs, Spitting Blood, Colds, &c. &c. We subjoin the following very respectable Certificate in lestimony:

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DEAR SIR: Dr. TAYLOR'S Baisum of Liverwort having been strongly recommended to my family for the cure or relief of an Asthmatic complaint with which my wife has been greatly selficied. I procured it, and feet grateful pleasure in stating that she was very soon relieved, we helieve by it. Other members of my family think they have been benefited by it in affections of the Chest and Lungs. I believe it to be a good Medicine, therefore willingly contribute my testimony in its favor. (Signed) ISAAC F. BRAGG.

Principal of the Male High School.

Welvet Cloaks and Sacks; also, Silk, Cloth and Merino do, together with every kind Long and Square Shawls, Silks, Merinos, and in fact ever the control of the long wear or families use in Dry Goods, may thing that indice wear or families use in Dry Goods, may be obtained at Hitchcock & Leanbarters, 347 Broadway, corner Leonardest at lower rates than at any other estab-lisment in the city. For Holiday Presents for Domestics, their cheap De Laines and Calicocs are just the thing.

Late arrivals from Europe have brought to G. M. Bodder, corner of Grand and Orchard sta, for the Holidays, a large addition to his present stock of Winter styles of Bress Goods, consisting of Siks, Shawls, Poplins, Merinos, Velvets, Cashmeres, Paramatas, Muslin de Laines, &c. which give him the gratifying assurance that his assortment is hetter, more tasteful and infinitely cheaper than that of any house in the city. A HAT FOR NEW-YEAR'S .- What

mortification to a young gentleman, white making his New-Year's Calls, is the conscloueness that his Hat looks shabby in the bright eyes of the fair sex, when a beautiful article by be obtained for a trifle of Estensection, (19 Nassau-st. He is a true artist and sells a magnificent Hat remarkably FURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS .- Choice and

clegant Fura, suitable for Christmas and New-Year's Gifte.
BANTA, 106 Canal-st. has made the most ample arrangements to supply his customers with Fura. His gentlemen customers will not forget to call on bin and make a selection rom his large and varied stock.

d21 St. De John Y. Savage, 92 Fulton-st. has es usual, a large assortment of Gold and Silver Watches, He has them in every style and quality of cases, suitable for ladies and gentiemen, and at prices that place them within the reach of all. He is also sole manufacturer of the Richelieu Ever-Pointed Gold Pens, which are arranged in Gold and Silver Cases, which make the prettiest Holday Gift we have seen.

INDEPENDENCE GUARD DRILL AND BALL. —The 15th Annual Relinion of the Independence Guard, Caps. John T. Cairus, will take place at Niblo's Theater, on Monday evening, January 27, 1851. The Committee have resolved to spare neither labor nor expense in making this the best Bull of the season.

The Parquette of the Shatta will be floored—which, with the Stage, will make one of the floored shateing rooms in the City.

The Drill will take place on the Stage at intermission— in addition to a large Orchestra, under the direction of the Messrs. Dodworth, the Cornet Band will be in attendance. Tickets can be had at Gen. Hall's Music Store, 239 Broad-way, or of the members of the Company.

# PHILADELPHIA.

Correspondence of The Tribune. PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec. 20. Census-Markets-Stocks.

The Census of the City and Districts of Phila-delphia has been completed. The total popula-tion is 409,043. Increase in ten years, 150,008. The Corton marks delpin rins over the second of the years, 150,008. The Cotton market continues mactive but without change in potees. There is some better export domand for Front, find about 1,000 bits have been disposed of at 4 624 pt bid, and some of a better brand at 4 75. For city consumption prices range from 1.75 to 5 574 for common and extra brands, and factly lots at higher rates. RVE FLOUR is steady at 3.56, and Cours Mext. at 2.754 bid, at which 50,500 bids were sold. There is but a limited amount Floors is steady at 3.59, and Cons Meal, at 2.75, P bbl. at which 50.600 bils were add. There is but a limited amount of Wield at the state of Pernsylvania was made at 70 ers at bush. Cons continues in fift request for althought. And Society bush. Cons continues to fift request for althought and one lotted for Construction of the state of th

# WILLIAMSBURGH ITEMS.

FAIRS -The ladies of Christ Church com menced a Fair and Festival yesterday at the Williamsburgh Garden. The ladies of Mr. Mc-Lane's Church will hold a Fair at the Equestrian Institute, South st., next week.

LECTURES .- Rev. Dr. Pise lectured before the Williamsburgh Catholic Institute, on Tuesday evening, at Central Hall. Subject-" Catholic Education." These lectures are to be repeated by different speakers every other Tuesday - Lec tures are also given at the same place the Williamsburgh Lyceum. Mr. Charles Dana delivered a second lecture on Thursday evening Subject—"The History and Condition of the Laboring Classes of Modern Times."

JUVENILE CONCERT .- A concert by 300 little warblers, pupils of Mr. Warner, was given at Central Hall on Wednesday evening.

TEMPERANCE ANSIVERSARY .- The Sons of Tem perance will hold their anniversary on Monday evening next, at Central Hall. Rev. Mr. Rees, and other speakers, will address the meeting. FIRE -About one o'clock yesterday morning,

Payson's Real Estate Agency office and the store adjoining belonging to the Peck Slip Ferry Com-pany were discovered on fire. The contents (ex-cepting only the most valuable papers which were deposited in an iron safe) and the building were destroyed. The Ferry Company had about \$600 worth of oils, lamps, &c., deposited in the back part of the building, nearly all of which were consumed. No evidence appeared that any attempt at robbery had been made—the miscreant doubtless ignited the building for the purpose of creating an excitement consequent on such an occurrence. The whole loss by the fire is probably from \$800 to \$900.

SUFFEME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.— Washington, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1850.—Present as yesterday. Charles Chapman, Esq. of Conn. was admitted an Attorney and Counsellor of this Court. No. 32 J. Stimpson, plaintiff in error vs. Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. Campbell for the defendant in error, and concluded by Mr. Mayer for the plaintiff in error—
No. 33. The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company plaintiff in error vs. The
State of Maryland. This cause was argued by Mr. Meredith for the defendant in error J. A. Villalobos et al. appellants vs. States. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Yulee for the appellants. Adjourned until to morrow, 11 o'clock A.M.

### NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 21.

See VIIth Page for Evening Edition News.

In Democratic Whig General Committee Broadway House, Dec. 17, 1856 For In Democratic Whig General Committee Broadway House, Dec 17, 1859;
Resolved, That the Whig Electors of the several Wards, (except the Second Ward, which is directed to be held at Stoneall's Hotel, between the hours of 12 and + P. M. on the same day, under the direction of the Whig Inspectors elect of the Ward, and one Inspection appointed by this Committee), be requested to meet together in their respective Wards, at their usual places of meeting, on MONDAY EVENING, 23d inst. at 7½ o'clock, or at such other place and time on that day as their respective Ward Committees may desirante, for the purpose of selecting Five Delegates to the Whig General Committee, Five Delegates to the Young Men's Whig General Committee, and a Ward Committee for the ensiting year.

In the event of a change of time or place by any of the Ward Committees, two days's notice shall be given of such change. By order of General Committee.

By order of General Committee WASHINGTON SMITH, Chairman.

C. Y. WEMPLE, | Secretaries.

## In Congress, Vesterday,

The Senate was not in session, of course, work on more than four days of the week being too much to hope from so dignified a body. The House refused to consider Cheap Postage and spent the day on Private Bills.

FROM EUROPE.-The Africa from Liverpool to this port is in her fourteenth day. She must be here we think before night.

DANIEL F. MILLER has at length taken his seat in the House as a Member from Iowa, vice Wm. Thompson, jr. unduly returned and therefore unseated. We congratulate the Whigs of Iowa that they have at length one Representative in the National Councils, and trust they will be encouraged to strive earnestly for more. They could carry their State if they would only take hold all together and really try. Mr. Miller will prove a faithful and efficient Member.

THE NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA received yesterday, is of varied interest .-The Cholera has committed serious ravages, especially at Sacramento, but it was evidently declining at the latest dates .-Gold-digging has not, on the whole, been very productive the past season, but the number of diggers has secured a large aggregate yield, while the signally improved facilities of intercourse and consequent reduction in the cost of provisions, &c. has enabled very many to realize large rewards for their labor. Still, it must be considered that 'prospecting' for rich 'gulches' and other 'washings' has seen its best days. and that turning rivers for the sake of washing their beds has generally proved a failure. Regular mining, or extracting the gold from the quartz rock in position, must henceforth be the main reliance, and this appears to be prosecuted with success wherever skill, capital and proper machinery are employed. There has been another difficulty with Indians, but it does not seem to threaten serious consequences .- Business has been greatly depressed, mainly in consequence of the Cholera, but was recovering at the latest dates. Such is the substance of the California news received yesterday by the Cherokee, of which full details will be found on the following pages.

#### The Corporation and the New-York Gas Company.

Are the people of this City aware that the Common Council are about to renew for eighteen years the present contract for lighting the streets? And will the taxpayers look on quietly and see the arrangements concluded for bleeding them so freely and for such a length of time? We cannot believe it. It surely needs nothing more than simply to call public attention to the fact, in order to arouse so general and so resolute an opposition to the proceeding that the parties will not venture to carry it to its consummation.

There is no time left to mince matters, for unless something is done at once, the affair will be concluded and the City saddled with this corrupt contract. For our part, we denounce the project as an outrageous job, and we say, that by fair and honest reasons of public good alone it could not possibly be got through even such a Common Council as that with which New-York seems destined forever and under all parties to be blest. The scheme has indeed been well arranged, nursed carefully and pushed silently without exciting observation. Of course a gas transaction must be conducted through under-ground pipes. But it could not be finished without coming to the surface, and at last, everything being provided and prepared, it makes its appearance boldly before the public. The contract has already passed one branch of the Common Council; let it be strangled before it goes any further. What right have the Common Council

to conclude a contract for eighteen years with this Company when discoveries of superior and cheaper modes of illumination are announced daily in the newspapers? There is every reason to suppose that within five years, perhaps within one year, the sort of gas which this Company bargain to furnish will be obsolete. Shall the city then be burdened with paying enormously during this whole time for what it does not want and will not use? This may be an agreeable prospect to the managers of a Company trembling at every advance of science lest they lose their profits; but in our judgment the public have suffered enough already for the benefit of this corporation and ought to be exempt from further inflictions. The Boston Chronotype of yesterday has

a leading article giving an account of a recent visit of its Editor to Mr. Paine of Worcester, the alleged discoverer of a new Hydro-Electric Light. The writer, let us say, is competent to speak on the subject, and among other things says the following:

When Mr. Paine's discovery was first announced, while we conceded its importance if real, we expressed great distrust of it from the manner of its announcement. From the succeeding publications of those who professed to know smoothing first discovery. something of it, and from those of Mr. Paine him-self, our distrust was increased and in fact settled down into pretty determined skepticism, which was confirmed by the report of a certain "scien-tific committee." Indeed, we entertained a much more decided opinion against it than we ever found occasion to express. But we have seen for ourself, and find that we have done Mr. Paine very great, though not intentional, injustice. And we can hardly find words to express our surprise at the scientific report which was partly the cause of

The operation as we saw it, was as clear and clinching a demonstration as we ever witnessed in the range of chemical science. There was a rapid and abundant evolution of gas from the water in the jar, with which nothing whatever communicated save two flat strips of copper and communicated save two flat strips of copper and the small tube which terminated in the jet or burner, without any possible connection with anything between the jar of water and the burner, save the spirits of turpentine contained in another smaller glass jar. The electric apparatus being put in motion, as soon as the air over the water had been expelled and the exit was closed, the pressure over the water drove the gas rapidly through the spirits of turpentine, and the jet beyond it being lighted, burned freely and with a bigh illuminating power—not ashamed to be seen in day light. A jet attached to the tube between the jar of water and of spirits of turpentine was the jar of water and of spirits of turpentine was opened and lighted, and we saw the unmistakable flame of hydrogen, scarcely visible by day light. This pure hydrogen was the gas evolved from the water, and could not possibly have come from the turpentine, for the current was all the while flowing from the water through the spirits of turpentine—and beside, how could the spirits of turpentine possibly give an illuminating flame on one side and an invisible flame on the other?

\* \* Mr. Paine showed us every part of his apparatus, including his peculiar helices and electrode, not shown to the spiritlifty man helice.

electrode, not shown to the scientific men before mentioned. We are not at liberty to explain to our readers the peculiarity of their construction, suffice it to say, that they elucidated the subject very much to our mind, and clothed the discovery with a scientific interest even superior to its economical and practical.

minical and practical.

The means, and the only possible means, by which Mr. Paine exerts an agency apon the water through the copper ribbons, is a sort of electromagnetic condenser, an instrument different from these manufactured by the electro-magnetic instrument-makers in this City, only in the interior construction of its revolving helices. It consists of two sets or combinations of large permanent borse shoe magnets, parallel and opening in the same direction, between the poles of which a pair of helices are made to revolve horizontally. There is no galvanic or voltaic action in the case, and no expense whatever on these helices but of the slight mechanical force which is necessary to give them a moderately rapid revolution, they meeting bem a moderately rapid revolution, they meeting to resistance but that of the common pivot and he slight friction of their poles upon metallic lises to effect the successive discharges. But the power of this simple arrangement to evolve electricity is tremendous. The electrical force com-pared with the mechanical cause, is like that of the rush of water which carries the wheel of a great cotton factory compared with the effort of a child who may hoist the gate.

On the
whole, therefore, we feel confident that Mr. Paine
bas discovered the means of producing an inexpensive light of the purest and most efficient qual-And more than that, we believe he has

ed a new and vast field in science Now, this alleged invention of Mr Paine's, here testified to by an impartial and clear headed observer, is only one of many, all more or less matters of public notoriety. And in the face of such improvements the New-York Gas Company are so skillfully influencing our Common Council that the City is in danger of being obliged to pay for the Gas of that Company, and pay exorbitantly, for eighteen years to come. Once more we protest against such an outrage upon common sense and the rights of those who are threatened with high taxes in order to suit the pleasure of this Gas Company.

THE CONSTITUTION AND FUGITIVE SLAVES .-The second number of a short series of articles under the above title, was published in our Evening Edition of yesterday, and will also be found in this Morning's Edition. Those of our readers who perused number one of these communications, need no assurance that they are from an able pen.

# The Great Prizes-With Some Descrip-

tion of Each. The most excellent of the Paintings distributed last night, fell to the lot of the following lucky in-

No. 100. A Dream of Arcadia, (53x39) Painted 

No. 261. Twilight, (48x32,) "Short arbiter 'twixt

No. 261. Twinght, (1883). "Short arotter twikt day and night." ... F. E. Church. On the left foreground a green rounded hill catches the rays of the setting sun. Behind this is seen the upper part of a cottep rightly illuminated. Behind then it is a stream, which, as it comes into view in the foreground, shows reflections of the western sky. Beyond the stream are hills, and in the distance a chain of mountains in shadow. The sky is filled with dark clouds, the more distant of which are brightly liked on their lower edges. ightly lighted on their lower edges.

Drawn by Robert Dillon, 30 Burling-slip.

These two were by far the best Paintings in the

Distribution. The others, worthy of particular note were, in the order of number :

note were, in the order of number :

No. 1. Standard in Danger,
(Baitle of Edgehill.)

The Standard Bearer, ('After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well')

The first of these pictures represents a royalist standard-bearer on horseback, beset by two l'arliamentary troopers, one of whom discharges a pistol, while the other makes a cut with a broatsword—the battle is raging in the distance. The second picture shows the field of carnage after the fight sover. In the foreground lies the standard bearer, and beside him his faithful steed. The sun is setting in the midst of murky clouds, and the vultures are hovering over their prey. Prey. Drawn by G. W. Thorp, 160 East 21st at. N.Y.

No. 8. Peasants of Cevarro, (30x25)....T. Hicks. A woman tending sheep and spinning among the barren rocks of the Appenines. Her child is sleeping beside her, while a young peasant boy of the Campagna, with his leathern pack, is seated in the foreground.

Drawn by J. McAlley, Brooklyn, N.Y.

No. 53. The Waterfall, (10x12)
A high, precipitous rock on the left, down which water is unilling. Beyond is a level landscape.
Drawn by Wm. H. Wilson, Hudson, N.Y.

No. 69. Marriage of Washington, (544x404) J. B. Stearns.

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J. B. Stearns,

The place is the Parish Church of St. Peters, County of
New Kent, Colony of Virginia; the time, January e, 1799.
Within the railing stands the officiating elergyman, Rev.
Dr. Mossom, in full canonicals, and about to pronounce the
words, "Wilt thou take this woman," &c. Washington's
in from of him, dressed in a scarlet velvet coat. The bride
in white satin robes, and a group of ladies and gentlemen
in the beautiful costume of the period, complete the central group. On their right, are Gov. Dinaviddie and suit
with ladies, paval and military officers, and the elite of the
old Virginia artistocracy. On the left are seated the bride's
father, with her two children. Behind them stand Lord
Fairfax with his suite, and Ladies. The artist was assisted
by G. W. P. Custis, Esq. in the studies for this composition.

Drawn by S. M. Merrick, Wilbraham, Mass.
No. 77. The Knight of Savn and the Guomes. No. 77. The Knight of Sayn and the Gnomes,

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E. G. Leutze. This work libstrates an old German legend. The Knight of Lerch or Falkenstein, the story is told of each of them.) promised his daughter to Knno of Sayn, if be would ride up the steep rocks to the hight on which his castle was built. Knight Kinno was in despair at first, for the feat seemed impossible. But the King of the Guomes appeared to him and promised, that if he would fill up a silver mine which his vassals had day in the valley, he should find the means provided on the morrow by which he would ride means provided on the morrow by which he would ride. means provided on the morrow by which he would ride up to the castle. During the night, the Gnomes built a bridge across the chasm. over which Kuno rode the next day and won the hand of his tady-love. The picture shows the Knight's triumphant progress, while the tyrannical father and the fair lady, attended by trumpeters and others, stand Drawn by A. H. Throckmorton, Freehold, N.J.

Drawn by A. R. Throckmorton, Freehold, N.J.

No. 98. Thanatopsis, (60 by 39)...A. B. Darand.

"The bills,
Rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun—the vales
Stretching in pensive quietness between;
The venerable woods—rivers that move
In majesty, and the complaining brooks
That make the meadows green; and poured round all
Oid Ocean's gray and meancholy waste—
Are but the solemn decorations all
Of the great tomb of man"—Bryant.
Drawn by Bernard Betterline, Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 104. Disputed Game, (52x40.)

A fox has seized a partridge, the possession of which is disputed by a hawk, who is flying down at the left fully pre-Drawn by Jas. W. Newkirk, 124 Grand st.

No. 118. First Prayer in Congress, (40x30) The place represented is Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia. The clergyman is the Rev. Mr. Duché, an Episcopalian Washington, Henry, Randolph, Rutterige, Lee, Jay, and other distinguished men, are present. The key which hangs below the picture, will give further explanations.

Drawn by Samuel Philabury, Middleford, Mc.

No. 109. Dolce Far Niente, (30x21.)

Thomas Hicks.
A Shepherd of the Campagna lies at full length in the foreground. In the distance are goats, and the desolate plains beyond are studded with ruins.

Drawn by R. B.—., Honsatonic, Mass.

No. 215. A Child's Passage to Paradise, (74x54.)
J. T. Peele.
An allegerical piece, in which is represented a child re-

An allegorical piece, in which is represented a child reelved into heaven by angels.

"Thou art gone to the grave" and its mansion forsaking.
Porcharce thy voung spirit in fear linger'd long.
But the mild rays of Paradise beam'd on thy waking.
And the sound which thou beard'st was the seraphin's
soug!"

[Bishop Heber.
Drawn by A. A. Hume, London, Ohio.

Solitude-Pontine Marshes, Italy,

(64x48). J. F. Gropsey. From among ruins grow large trees, with trailing vines banging from their branches. Beyond, in the distance, is seen the blue Mediterranean.

Drawn by J. R. Miller, Chalk Level, Va. No. 230. View-Dismal Swamp, N. C. (47x31)

A sunset view of water, beside which rises trees.

Drawn by N. W. Lincoln, Burlington, Vt. No. 254. View on the Grand Canal, Venice, (15x11)......Thomas Hicks
The canal, with palaces on each side, in the style o

Drawn by A. Ward, New-York.

By Telegraph to The New-York Tribune. For additional Telegraphic Dispatches, see Seventh Page.

Great Union Meeting at Bridgeport, Conn.

BRIDGEPORT, Friday, Dec. 20.
The principal speakers were Mr. Gerard, N.Y. and Mr. Andrews, Conn., Harroll, (Mayor.) President. There were a large number of Vice-Prosidents. Secretaries: Wm. H. Noble, Francis dents. Secretaries: Wm. H. Noble, Francis Ives and Wm. D. Bishop. Strong Resolutions

lves and Wm. D. Bishop. Strong Resolutions were passed.

The first Resolution declares that the formation of the Government and its Administration had been conducted in aspirit of compromise and concession, and that upon its continuance depends the progress of Civil and Religious Liberty and Free Government throughout the world.

The second Resolution declares that the Government can only be discharged by obedience to laws until properly repealed.

laws until properly repealed.

The third Resolution declares that the Compromise measures of the last Session of Congress were fair and equitable and meet the approval of

the meeting.
The fourth Resolution declares that the Fugitive Slave Bill is in accordance with the Constitution and contains merely the provisions necessary to carry into effect the stipulations of that instru-

ment, and pledges the meeting to its support.

The fifth Resolution expresses opposition to all agitators of the subject of Slavery or for the repeal

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The sixth Resolution expresses the thanks of the Committee and Nation to Clay, Cass, Webster, Fillmore, Dickinson, Foote and others for their patriotic exertions for the enactment of the Compromise measures and the adjustment of questions endangering the perpetuity of the Union.

A Safety Committe of twenty-five was ap-

South-Carolina Legislature.

Yesterday the "Convention Bill" passed the Senate on the second reading, unamended, by 40 to 3. The minority were actuated by conscientious scruples as to its Constitutionality.

Monetary Affairs in Tennessee.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Dec. 20.
The Bank of Tennessee refuses to receive any

other than Treasury money on deposit, for ex-change or in payment of debts.

Confirmations. Washington, Friday, Dec. 20.
The various appointments made by Mr. Maxwell, in the New-York Custom House, bave all

been confirmed. Tickets for Jenny Lind's Concert.

RICHMOND, Va. Friday, Dec. 20.

The auction sale of tickets for M'lle. Jenny Lind's Concert in this city, came off yesterday. The first one was run up to \$110, at which price t was knocked off.

The average price paid was \$13, and the total amount of the sale was between \$16,000 and \$17, 000, showing for the number of tickets sold, a material advance averall has

Weather in Canada.

The weather this morning is fine, with the thermometer 8° above Zero. Wind WNW.

At Quebec, the thermometer is 12° above Zero, and snow has faller since yesterday P.M. Wind strong from the East.

At Kingston, it is cloudy and cold, with slight From Toronto, we learn there is beautiful sleighing, and the weather quite snappish.

Hogs, &c .... CINCINNATI, Dec. 20. The Hog market is steady, but quiet. The sales have been 3.000 at \$47445. Receipts fair. Other articles are unchanged. The River is said in fine naviguo order and registra are without change.

Enstern Sight Exchange has advanced to par and 1 pro-

Hogs in Alton, 111, are \$3 75 and advancing.

THE FIRST FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW-The Boston Post has the following bit of Politi-

"The fugitive slave bill of 1792 was drafted by George Cabot, of Mass., in November, and it was passed by the Senate on the 18th of January, unanimously, fourteen from free and thirteen from slave States voting for it. The House committee, Theodore Sedgwick and Sheerjashub Bourne, of Mass., and Alexander White, of Va., reported that bill to the holy by which it was nessed on the 5th of and Mexander white, of va, reported that bill to the body, by which it was passed on the 5th of February, without discussion. Eight free States were represented by 31 votes, six slave States by 24 votes; free State majority, 7. The bill received 24 votes: free State majority, 7. The bill received 48 yeas to 7 nays. Massachusetts gave 6 yeas to 1 nay. This record shows that the free States passed the first fugitive bill.

ADVERTISING.—Allow me to say a few words on the subject of advertising, because I think there is a false delicacy among some people on this matter. In my opinion, advertising is a legitimate means of making known the wants and gitimate means of making known the wants and wishes of both buyers and sellers—whether they be an estate worth half a million of money, or for a pair of "Mechi's best razors." It is merely making an extension of your shop front in the newspapers, whether the articles be seen there or in the windows, in both cases its qualities receipt to be tested. main to be tested. It never can answer to adver tise a bad article. By advertising a good one, you extend your connection, which might other wise be limited by the number and class of people who happened to pass your door, and their connection.

[Mechi's Principles to insure success in Trade.

FACTORY AT TRENTON DESTROYED.—At 3 o'clock on Thursday evening, the extensive ax factory of Messrs. Wilson & Cooper, at South Trenton, N. J. was entirely destroyed by fire.—There was a large amount of stock on hand. It was the largest factory of the kind in the State of Naw Jersey. THE OBJECT OF THE SECESSIONISTS .- At the late non-intercourse meeting in Richmond, we perceive from the proceedings, that a very important amendment was offered to the Report of

NAMES OF PICTURES AND ARTISTS.

Full List of the Drawers of Paintings,

Statuary, Bronzes, &c.

The American Art-Union, in the City of New-York, was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New-York for the promotion of the Fine Arts in the United States. It is managed by gan-

tlemen who are chosen annually by the members. 

The Committee have adopted the following ex-

Every subscriber of \$5 is a member of the Art. Union for the year, and is entitled to all its privileges.

The money thus obtained (after paying necessa ry expenses, is applied.

First : To the production of a large and costly Original Engraving from an American painting, together with a set of outlines, or some other similar Work of Art.

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Of this Engraving every member receives a copy for every five dollars paid by him.

Members entitled to duplicates are at liberty to select from the engravings of previous years, excepting the "Artist's Dream," from which no more copting the stress of the state of the state of the impressions will be taken at present.

The plates and copyright of all Engravings and other publications belong to the Institution, and

are used solely for its benefit. Every member also receives a full illustrated Annual Report of the proceedings, etc of the Institution, and an Illustrated Monthly Bulletin. Second: To the purchase of Paintings and Sculpture, Statuettes in bronze, and Medals, by

Sculpture, Statuettes in bronze, and Medals, by native or resident artists.

These works of art are publicly exhibited at the Gallery of the Art Union till the annual meeting in December, when they are publicly distributed by lot among the members, each member having one share for every five dollars paid by him.

Each member is thus certain of receiving in return at least the value of the five dollars paid.

and may also receive a painting or other work of art of great value.

Third: The institution keeps an office and free Third: The institution keeps an office and free Picture Gallery, always open, well attended, and bung with fine paintings, at 487 Broadway, where the members in New-York receive their engrav-ings, paintings, etc., and where the business of

the institution is transacted.

The business of the Institution out of the City of New York is transacted by Honorary Secretaries, who receive and remit subscriptions, and deliver to the members in their vicinity, the Reports, Engravings and works of Art, after exhibiting them a lew days—subject to which right they will be distributed. The Engravings, &c. to which all the members are entitled, are forwarded to the Secretaries at

the Institution is transacted.

the expense and risk of the Institution. The paintings, &c. which are distributed by lot, are orwarded to the Secretaries at the expense and risk of those who have been so fortunate as to draw them. The Secretaries will deliver them, on being paid the actual cost of boxing and transportatio

The following table shows the progress of the

her of Receipts. Engravings. | 1842 | 1,120 | 5,833 70 | Calus Marius on the Raids | 7 | 1843 | 1,452 | 7,129 00 | Farmer's Noming. | 36 | 1844 | 2,680 | 10,880 20 | Sparking. | 237 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 248 | 2

" Including 250 Medals. | Including 450 Medals. | Including 26 Bronner, face Medals.

The President, Mr. Cozzens, made a short address, when the managers and others of the privi-leged had taken their places on the stage. The number of subscribers was stated at 16,310. We do not report his remarks having no space to print them. The Report of the Board of management embraces the main facts of Mr. Cozzens's address. When the President had concluded,

Henry J. Raymond, Esq., on behalf of the Board of Managers, read the following report: The Committee of Management have instructed me to submit to you a REPORT of their proceed-ings on behalf of the AMERICAN ART UNION, dur-ing the year now closed. That duty will be dis-charged in as few words as the requirements of

ne Constitution will permit.

The number of members during the present year is 16,310, and they have placed the sum of \$81,550 at the disposal of the Committee of Ma-Of this amount, \$16,225 have been devoted to

Of this amount, \$16,325 have been devoted to the production of six engravings, by American engravers, from pictures by American artists; and one copy of each of those engravings will be delivered as soon as they can be completed, to each member of the institution.

The sum of \$8,009 has been devoted to the publication of the Bullett, a Monthly Art Journal, designed to aid in advancing the interests and at the objects of the American Art Usion.

nal, designed to aid in advancing the interests and promoting the objects of the American Art Usion. Of this work, 113,500 copies have been published during the year, and, accompanied by 227,000 original etchings and wood cuts, have been placed in the bands of every member.

The Committee have purchased during the year 424 painting, 20 bronze statuettes and six bro 424 painting, 20 bronze statuettes and six bronze busts of Washington, by American artists, at an aggregate of \$43,120, the average cost of each being \$101,61. They have also purchased fifty copies of outlines by Washington Allaton, 49, medals and sixty proof impressions of the large engravings from two of Trumbull's most celebrated paintings. These works of Art 1,000 in engravings from two of Trumbul's most cele-brated paintings. These works of Art, 1,000 in number, are to be this evening distributed by lot according to the provisions of the Constitution, among the Members of the American Art Union. Each member, therefore, this year, in addition to the six Engravings and the Monthly Bulletin, has

one chance in 16 of drawing a work of art, and one in 38 of becoming the owner of one of the original paintings purchased by the Committee.

The Free Gullery has been kept open daring the whole year, except for a brief interval when it was closed for necessary improvements. It has it was closed for necessary improvements. It has been more than usually attractive, and has been visited by hundreds of thousands of our citizens, as well as by strangers from every part of the

country.
Since our last annual meeting Prosper M. Wetmore, Esq. to whose intelligent, energetic public spirited labors on its behalf, the Artpublic spirited fabors on its behalf, the Art-unon has been greatly indebted, has resigned the Presidency of the Institution. By the unanimous vote of the Committee, A. M. Cozzens, Esq. has been elected to that office. This summary statement of the transactions of

the year will enable every one to judge for his self, how far the objects for which the American

self, how far the objects for which the Americal Art-Union was established have been advanced by the labors of the Committee.

The purpose of the Institution is declared by the law which creates it, to be, "the promotion of the Fine Arts in the United States." That object is to be attained by promoting the sale of worst of art, for upon their sale depend the ability and the existence of the artist himself. In this constry Art lacks the conditions which have aided in try Art lacks the conditions which have aided in try Art lacks the conditions which have aided in growth in other lands. Artists there have lired upon the patronage of the rich. The gitts of roal and of noble munificence, never more worthing bestowed, have relieved them from all care in their physical necessities, and have left them fix to follow the inspirations of their genius. Under such benignant shelter have the Fine Arts in Errope, in all ages, lived and flourished, and throst the Committee which prepared the resolutions and constitution. Mr. J. T. Evans moved to amend the report, so as to put Old England in the class of aggressive States with which the South should hold no intercourse. This motion was seconded by Dr. E. G. Clay, and was rejected.

AMERICAN ART-UNION.

ITS OBJECTS AND OFFICERS.

Distribution for 1850.